

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0037] as follows:

[0037] In one embodiment, an actuator 28, located on the handle 14 operates the three position window 26. The actuator 28 operates a moveable element 36 positioned within the window 26. When the actuator 28 is in the open position, the moveable element 36 is retracted in the proximal location and the window 26 is open (FIG. 2A). When the actuator 28 is in the intermediate position, the moveable element 36 is extended in the distal direction, the window opening 32 ~~26~~ is closed and there is a gap between the distal end of the slot and the distal end of the moveable element (FIG. 2B). When the actuator 28 is in the closed position, the moveable element 36 is fully extended in the distal direction, the window 26 is closed, and there is no gap between the distal end of the slot and the distal end of the moveable element (FIG. 2C). In one variation of this embodiment, the moveable element 36 includes a cutting edge (not shown) adapted to cut the suture or sling when the moveable element is placed in the closed position.